

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following heading as a new paragraph before the paragraph starting at page 1, line 1:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following heading as a new paragraph before the paragraph starting at page 2, line 17:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The transceiver means may be adapted to transmit the user data to the responder device after receipt of the response signal, and the transceiver means may be adapted to receive the responder data from the responder device. The interface means may ~~comprises~~ comprise a sound receiving member in the form of a microphone and/or a sound producing member in the form of a speaker. This provides a true two way conversation between the user and a monitoring station such as the emergency services, doctor, home-help or designated end users. This also gives the user piece of mind as the user is informed that help is provided. The responder data may also be displayed by the display means to benefit deaf users.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

To ensure efficient identification of the alarm signalling device, the encoded or identification signal is repeated several times. The encoded or identification signal may be programmed into the system at the point of manufacture or programmed by the user which can be either a fixed code or a rolling code or other coding system as designated by the manufacturer. The code may also be set internally on the alarm signalling device via miniature switches or links which are provided on the printed circuit board, or via a miniature keypad. The user may also programme the code by using the ~~the~~ responder device by means explained above which may then be transmitted to the alarm signalling device. All data transmitted between both the alarm signalling devices and the responder device to the end user monitoring station may be encrypted with an encryption programme (s) depending on the user's requirements if total secure data encrypted protection is required.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The responder device or telephone console or base station may house a transceiver which will be able to communicate back and forth with the user's alarm signalling device which also houses a transceiver as described hereinbefore and can be

designed for use either with the responder device or without an integrated ~~the~~ responder device to provide an easy to use low cost home alarm unit.

Please insert the following heading as a new paragraph before the paragraph starting at page 24, line 21:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following heading as a new paragraph before the paragraph starting at page 24, line 31:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The help procedure comprises the steps of the responder device 21 activating the attention light 32 and contacting outside help such as an emergency service. The user then communicates with the outside help via the microphone 3 on the device 41 whereby the user can hear the emergency services via the speaker in the alarm signalling device 41. After the user has been helped, the system is returned to its operational monitoring state by pressing the reset button 30.